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Cosgrave-Naylor Log House
Mr. Ephraim Community
Private

1875-1890

This two story log house was probably built as the home of a land-owning white family of moderate means. In plan, the house contained two rooms down and three up, with a facade of three bays, typically arranged. The house was one bay in depth.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cosgrave-Naylor Log House
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Comus Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Ephraim community

☒ VICINITY OF Dickerson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clarence Naylor

Telephone #: 972-8910

STREET & NUMBER

Comus Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 897

Folio #: 283

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story log house stands on the north side of Comus Road. In front is a grass yard with some flowers and shrubs. The structure itself consists of two blocks: a main block of three bays in length and one in depth, and a one story shed kitchen that was added. Today, the entire structure is covered with a type of siding that is similar to sheet rock.

The design of the main block resembles that of other log houses in the area: a door centrally located with two windows on either side. A brick stove flue is located in the middle of the house. Originally there was no porch over the front porch, according to the present occupant and owner, Clarence Naylor. The front windows contain double-hung sashes with two-over-two panes. Originally the logs were exposed. They were covered with weatherboards, probably by the father of Clarence Naylor, in the second quarter of the 20th century. Clarence Naylor has added the present-day siding. In plan, the main block consists of two rooms downstairs -- a larger "front room" and a smaller side room, that is, hall and parlor. The upstairs contain three small rooms.

The interior of the house was not investigated further than identification of a floor plan.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History	

SPECIFIC DATES 1875-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Clarence Naylor, his father purchased this tract of land from William Cosgrave, a member of the white family (the Cosgraves) who had owned the land ever since Naylor could remember. The deed 364/373, dated 1927 confirms Naylor's recollection: his father, Arthur Naylor, did buy this land (2.50 acres) from William D. Cosgrave, his wife Frances C. Cosgrave, and Robert R. Rinkler. Only the nominal price of \$10 was given as purchase price. According to Clarence Naylor, he was born in the house next door, which was owned by the Wood family. He recalls that these were both log houses and that they were "old houses" when he knew them during his childhood in the 1920s.

Before the purchase of the land by the Naylor, the house had been occupied and owned by white families. In 1913 William D. Cosgrave purchased the property (2.50 acres) from the other heirs of Alice Cosgrave: Harry Cosgrave and his wife Ollie; Delma Nichols and her husband Clinton; Mary E. Woodward and her husband Elmer; L. Snowden Cosgrave (unmarried). In 1911 Alice L. Cosgrave (presumably the mother of the aforementioned) purchased the 2.50 acres from Charles and Sarah Jamison (deed HWB 298/330). They in turn had received the land from Mary Jamison as tract #1 of several tracts conveyed by her to them in 1911. The history of the land beyond the Jamisons was not researched since the property was no longer owned by Blacks after its sale by the Cosgraves.

The importance of this site is that the log house is an example of the type occupied by white families in the area and bears close resemblance to the log houses built by landowning Black families in the community and elsewhere in the county. Furthermore, research of this site shows that the houses along Comus Road that remain standing were part of a community of landowning white families who were related by kinship, i.e. the Nichols and Cosgraves. Thus, like Black communities such as Sugarland and Jerusalem, there were white communities which consisted of extended families. Further research should show more details of ownership of this tract and the relationship of its families to others in the 19th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds: 897/283; 364/373; HWB 298/330. Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.
 Oral interview with Clarence Naylor, not taped, by George McDaniel, Mt. Ephraim Community, May, 1979.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor Steve Doolittle/Tamar
 ORGANIZATION DATE Hoewing

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

5/79
 TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~

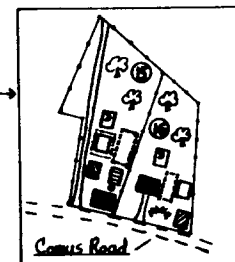
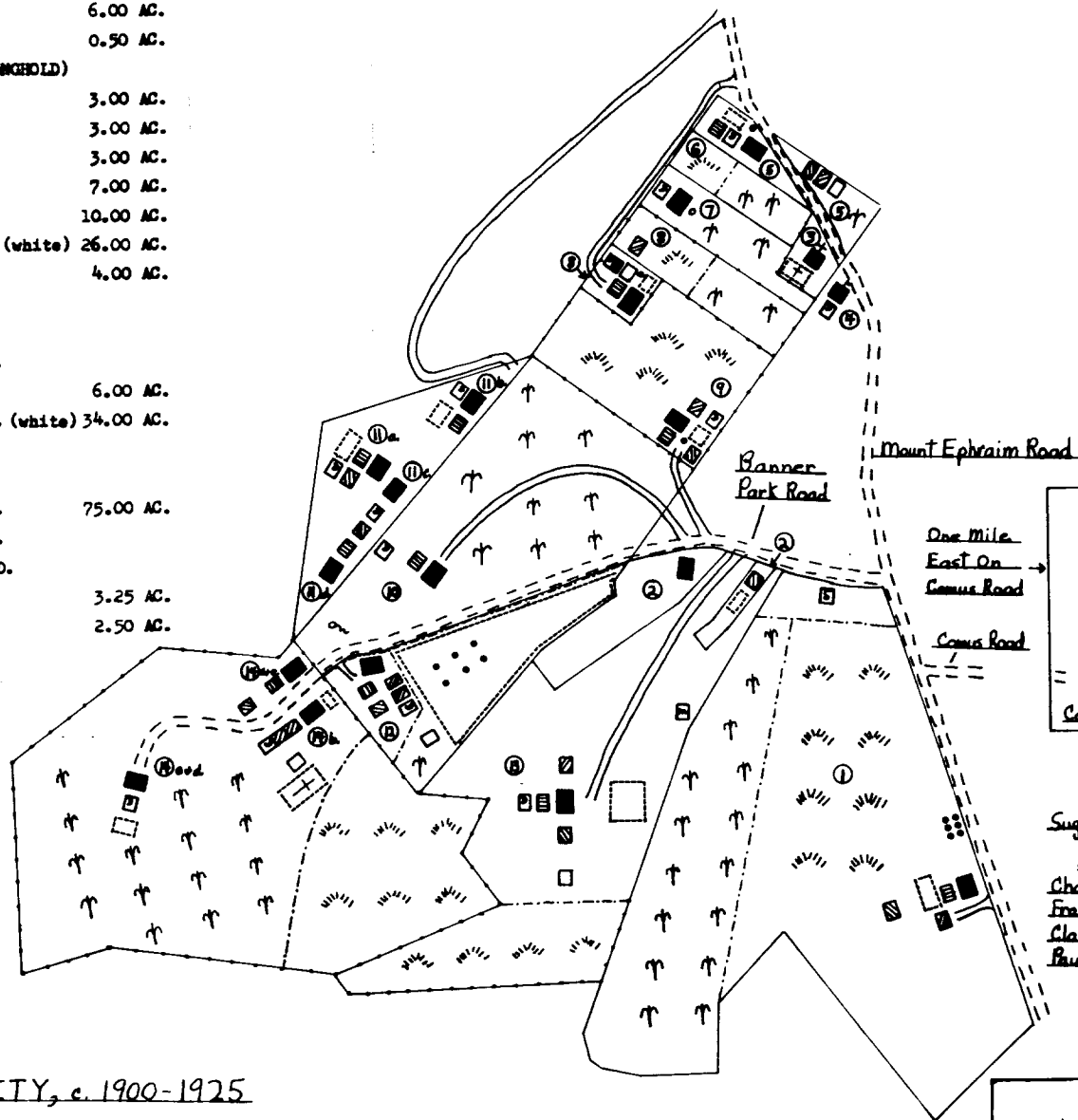
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 Box 87, Stronghold
 Dickerson, Md. 20753
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CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
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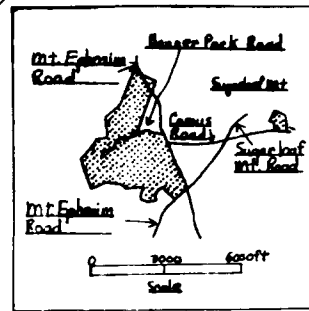
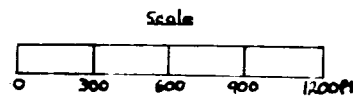
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- e. HARRISON RAWLINS HSTD.
15. ARTHUR WOOD HSTD. 3.25 AC.
16. ARTHUR NAYLOR HSTD. 2.50 AC.



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MT EPHRAIM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

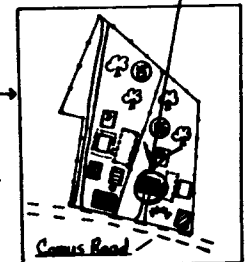
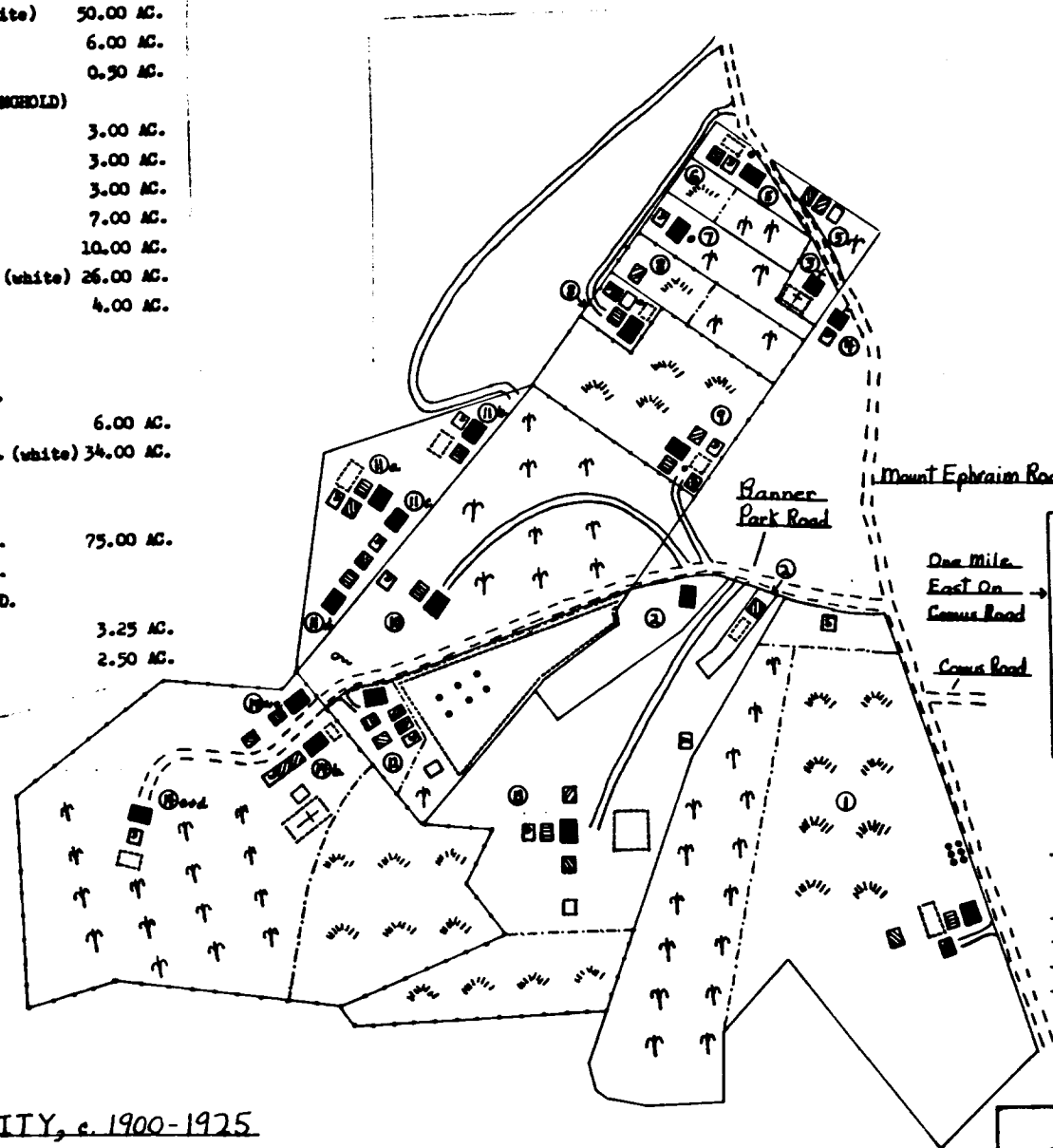


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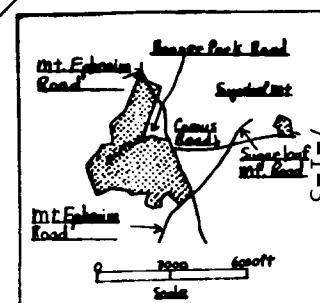
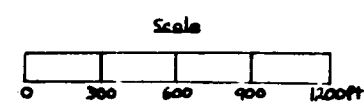
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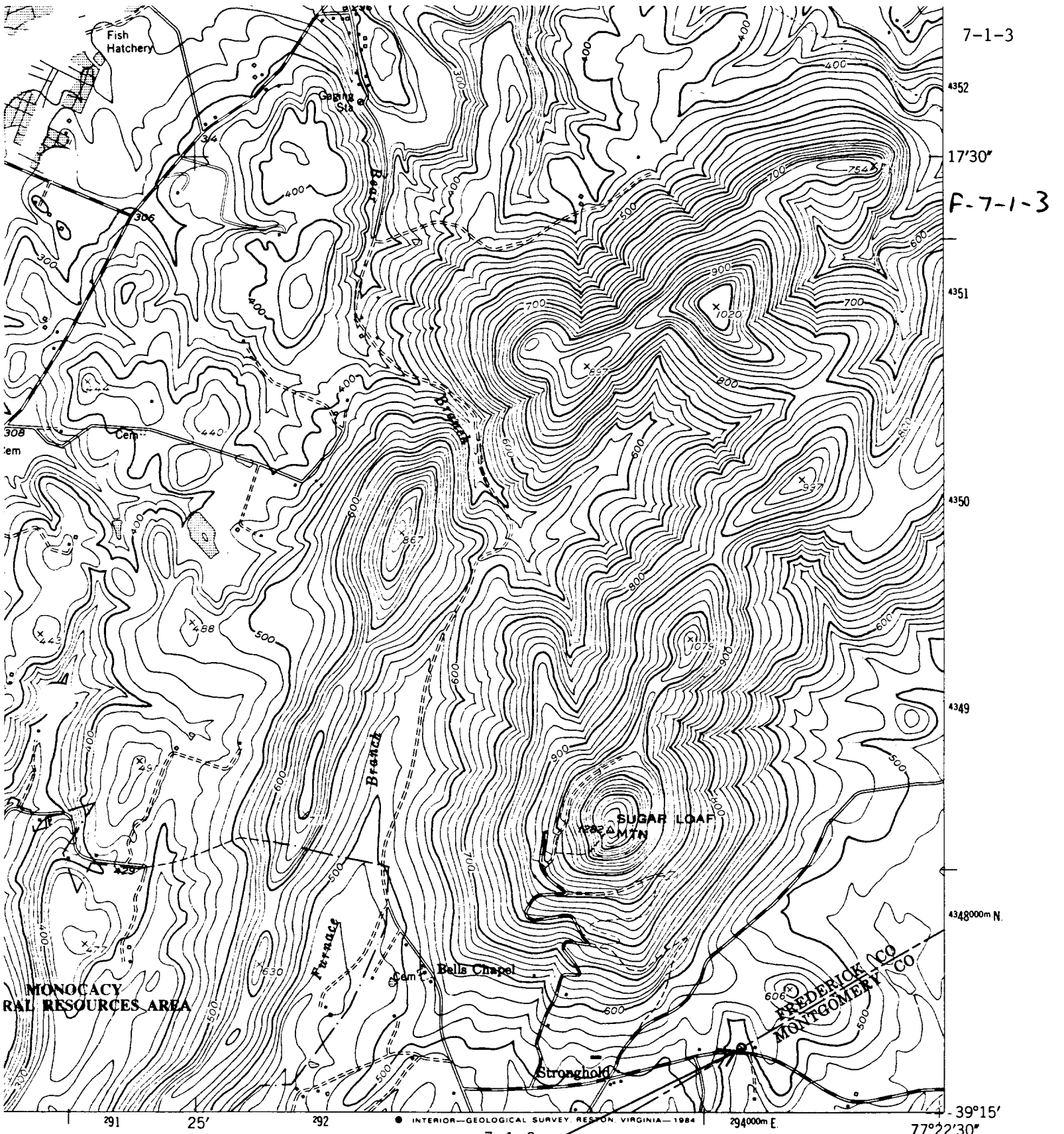


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Buckeystown Quad, 1952, PR 1984

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———

Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt =====

○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route

1 MILE

5000 7000 FEET

1 INCH = 1 MILE

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

MARYLAND

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LE, VIRGINIA 22903

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BUCKEYSTOWN, MD. - VA.

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Letter to Mr. H. H. H.

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My dear Mr. Jones

I have just received your letter of the 10th

and am glad to hear from you

Yours truly

Wm. L. G. Jones



